

1. INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND RESUSCITATION

E. Operating Room Notification from the Trauma Bay

OBJECTIVE: To define the mechanism of notification to the operating room that a patient requires an immediate surgical procedure.

Guidelines:

1. Upon decision by the Trauma Team Leader (TT L) that a patient requires an immediate surgical procedure, the OR charge nurse will be called.
2. The anesthesiologist present in the Trauma Bay will contact the anesthesia team to prepare the OR.
3. The following information will be conveyed:
 - a. Patient name, age, Medical Record Number
 - b. Attending surgeon
 - c. Type of procedure to be performed (e.g., laparotomy, thoracotomy, neck exploration, etc.).
 - d. The approximate time that the procedure should be performed (now, 5 minutes, 15 minutes, etc.).
 - e. Blood products needed
 - f. Hemodynamic status of patient
4. For emergency surgery, the OR will be readied for all trauma patients within 15 minutes :
 - a. Specific Trauma Cart based on planned procedure
 - b. Rapid Infuser on Ready status
 - c. Courier in OR if MTP activated
5. Once the decision for emergent operation has been made, proceed as soon as possible to the operating room.

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